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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Chief, Staff C Staff C/SPB

Chief, Special Security Division

SUBJECT:

C-15842 #80436

- 1. Reference is made to your request dated 28 October 1952 for a recommendation as to whether an Operational Clearance should be granted to permit the Subject's use as agent in Europe under cover of a political organization.
- The indices of this agency reflect the following information as supplied by the Subject in September 1949. Subject identifies himself as a former Lithuanian, a former Army General from 1935 to 1910, and Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian Army. Because of his resistance to the U.S.S.R. in 1910 he was read out of the Army and stripped of rank. He later became active in the Lithuanian underground working against both the Germans and the Communists. In 1944 he and his wife escaped to the U.S. Zone of Germany where they lived in DP camps until coming to the United States in May 1949.
- 3. The above information is not entirely consistent with the information noted in the NEW MORK TIMES as of 31 March 1943. This article indicated that the Subject was summoned by the Germans to help set up a new puppet government in Lithuania. On 5 March 1944 an article appearing in the WASHINGTON POST reported that Gregory METKSINS, in a letter attacking J. KAJECKAS, the Lithuanian Attache in Washington, States that KAJECKAS defends such Lithuanian quislings as the Subject and Colonel SKIRPA. (J. KAJECKAS is the present Lithuanian Counselor of the Legation in Washington, D.C.)
- 4. An intelligence report dated 3 February 1947 indicated that Subject was visited by two men in Scheinfeld, Bavaria, who tried to persuade the Subject to return to Russian Occupied Lithuania by displaying letters allegedly written by the Subject's daughters.
- 5. Further biographical data on this Subject is contained in the indices of this agency which are available to your office, parts of which are of a contradictory nature but are believed not to have any security significance.
- 6. The above information and the attached investigative data regarding the Subject are furnished to you as an aid in determining whether or not the Subject should be used under the authority of an Operational Clearance in the capacity set forth in your request.

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CASE NO. 30436

22 October 1952

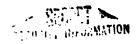
SYNOPSIS:

SULJECT was born 13 September 1896, at Rursenai, Lithmania. He was an officer in the RUSSIAN IMPERIAL ARMY 1915 to 1921, and was imprisoned after the Bolshevik Revolution. He graduated from KAUNAS UNIVERSITY, Lithmania, in 1929. He was appointed an officer with an Infantry Regiment Command and subsequently served on the military staff on diplomatic missions from Lithmania to the Balkan countries, Russia and England. He was appointed Chief of the General Staff in 1935, and from 1935 through 1940, he was Commander-in-Chief of the LITHMANIAN ARMY; with the rank of Lisutemant General. He is married, has three dam hters, who were seized by the Russians in 1941 and sent to Siberia, Russia. From 1941 to 1944, he was Headmanarer of the KAUNAS HATIONAL MUSEUM, Lithmania. Came to United States, with the intention of becoming a citizen, as a displaced person in 1949. He was instructor of Russian Language and Military subjects at SER KRUSE UNIVERSITY from March 1951 until 30 September 1952, resigning to accept a position with the U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT, at London, England. His services at STRACUSE UNIVERSITY were excellent. Informants state SUBJECT is a man of excellent character, reputation, of military promises and literary distinction in Lithmania. He is a devout practicing Catholic. A neighborhood investigation was favorable.

SUBJECT has no credit or police record at Syracuse, New York.

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CASE NO. 80436

22 October 1952

BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP:

At Buffalo, H. I.

On 22 October 1952, a source of information, reliable and confidential, revealed that the SUBJECT was born 13 September 1696, at Bursenad, Lithmania.

EDUCATION:

At Syracuse, N. T.

On 21 October 1952, a reliable source of information disclosed that the SUBJECT graduated from KAURAS UNIVERSITY, Lithuania, in 1929. He also attended the ACAURAY OF GENERAL STAFF, Germany, in 1932. He has an excellent reading, writing and anditory comprehension of Lithuanian, Russian, Polish and German, but speaks, reads and understands English "fair."

EMPLOTOENT:

At Syrecuse, N. Y.

On 21 October 1952, Confidential Informant R-1 stated that the SUBJECT was employed as a Special Instructor of Emesian and "Organisation and Problems of the Infantry." Be commenced his daties in March of 1951, and resigned 30 September 1952, when his contract terminated.

SUBJECT was employed under a Special Contrast between SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY and the UNIVED STATES AIR FURGE INTELLI-GENCE TRAINING PROGRAM to instruct AIR FORGE officers and man in training.

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22 October 1952

According to Confidential Informant R-1, SUBJECT'S corvious were entirely satisfactory at STRACUST UNIVERSITY and he was reported to be a very competent instructor.

REFERENCES:

At fracues, E. Y.

On 21 October 1952, Confidential Informat R-2 stated that he had been an associate of the SUBJECT during the part year and more of his beekground as a high runking Lithundam officer and a non of military prominence and no little literary distinction in Lithuania.

SUBJECT impressed informant as entirely trustmorthy, a man of good maral character and habits, and known he is an implemental see of Communica.

On 21 October 1952, Confidential Informent 1-3 stated that he had known SUBJECT may years in Lithuania. SUBJECT left the LITHUARIAN AND as Communicated-Chief with the runk of Lieutement Constral. He is married, has three children, and some to this country in 1969 as a displaced person, and visited with friends in Lee Angeles, California. SUBJECT took out his first papers at Lee Angeles and for a short period of time he recided in this city with his friends at 1765 Northwestern Avenue. Informant described SUBJECT as a men of meticalous hebits and "a hard positive character." He does not drink alsoholic bevarages or smale. He lives very simply with his wife in a fairly nice maighborhood at Syrange.

R-3 further advised SUBJECT is a num of military distinction, some literary ability and was politically prominent in Lithennia for near years. He served on the military staff on diplomatic missions to all the Balken countries, England and Russia may years ago. During the early 1980's, he use a RUSSIAN DEFENIAL ANY officer and was taken so a prisoner-of-ser for a few years during the Balebevik Eswelmtion.

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R-3 stated that in June 1961, SUBJECT's three children, all daughters, were deported to Siberia by the Communists in his and his wife's absence.

Informent advised that the SUBJECT resigned his position at STRACUSE UNIVERSITY on 30 September 1952, to accept a position with the U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT at Landon, England.

R-3 concluded the interview by stating the SUBJECT is a new of excellent character, good moral habits, and that he has never heard smything deregatory concerning him.

MEXICHEROR HOOD:

At Syrecuse, N. Y.

On 21 October 1952, Mr. WILLIAM CAROUSIS was interviewed at his home, 117 Miles Avenue.

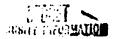
Hr. CAPOURIS stated that SUBJECT and his wife have been living in his home for approximately the past year and a half co-cupying the first floor. Informent stated he had the highest regard for the SUBJECT and his wife, that they lived very simply and are devout practicing Catholies. Neither the SUBJECT for his wife speak English too flauntly and so a result they laad a simple life and extertain little. He stated SUBJECT's wife is a simple woman who is utterly devoted to her humband.

On 21 October 1952, Mrs. GHAFIFS HART of 119 Miles Avenue stated that she knew little or nothing of the SUBJECT or his wife except that she sees him being driven home from the University every evening by a man in uniform. Informant knew that SUBJECT tenght at SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY but knew nothing else about SUBJECT.

Neither the SUBJECT or his wife were known by smyone class in the visinity.

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CASE NO. 80136

22 October 1952

CREDIT AND CRYDLY REFERENCES:

A Britane, I. T.

on 21 October 1952, the CREDIT SUREAU OF GREATER STRACUSE, Warren and Payotte Streets, reported no record in the name of the SUBJECT.

FULICE (CRIMINAL AND SURVEYSTVE RECORDS):

At Syramon, N. Y.

On 22 October 1952, the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the FOLICE DEPARTMENT of the City of Syramos, Police Headquarters, 125 West Willow Street, reported that their files centain no record in the same of the SUBJECT.

CENTERAL:

At Syrecuse, N. I.

On 21 October 1952, the reliable source of information, previously mentioned, disclosed that the SUBJECT from 1932 to 1934 was Communior of an Infortry Regiment with the LITERATIAN APPL. He was Chief of Staff of the Infortry Division in 1935. From 1935 through 1960, he was Communior-in-Chief of the LITERATIAN APPL. The SUBJECT has had military experience in the War between Literation and Reseate in 1919.

SUBJECT has written hundreds of articles in Lithmenian military magazines and nemepopers and, in 1933, he had published a book, "Elitary Eletony of Lithmenia." Another book emitted, "Emirastions and Committations for a Military Artitrator," was published in 1936. In the same year he wrote, "Lithmenian Red Grees in Erike."

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The STT JCT'S Indication and Haturalization file was made available on 20 October 1952 by HD ATD JCT AL at his office at the insignation and Maturalization Service, 453 South Spring Street. An examination of the file revealed the following: STASYS —— was born on 13 September 1876 at the town of Eureemai, district of Simulais, Lithuania and his nationality is presently Lithuanian. The MULICIPS other, AMASTAZIJA —— (mee: VILKAUDHAIDE) and his father of MATURA (ATIJA —— (mee: UNITEMA, also spelled STATEMATIC), born on 14 July 1903. The application gave her inth lace as Liepaja, Latvia, but the marriage register sho of Kalmos, Lithuania. Sho is a national citizen of Lithuania. The MATURA STATEMATICAL FATTE.

The file rev sled th t the SC J. J. ned thro. daughters, namely, LA MUTE JULIA _____, born 13 April 1930; "BILLITE MURIA _____, born 5 February 19 7; and SL'OMA JOANA _____, born 19 April 1940. The SUJECT stated that his three daughters were described to Siberia from Lithuania by the Russians on 14 June 1941 in the absence of their parents. However, it right be noted that a history of the SUJECT'S regimences revealed that from 1940 to 1944, he was residing at Knunas, Lithuania.

The Application for Immigration Visa and Alien Paristration, dated 29 April 19h2, revealed the 5% JECT'S education to be cloven years primary and accordary schools, four years of university education, and one year at a military school. However, the report of the Displaced Persons Commission revealed that the SU JECT attended primary school at Duksten, Litheania from 1906 to 1909 and secondary school at Zarasa, Lithuania from 1910 to 191h. He attended a military school at Tiflis, Russia from 1916 to 1917 and the University of Karasa, Lithuania from 1927 to 1931.

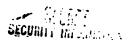
The SUBJUCT served with the Lithmenian Army from 1918 to 240, and during the period of from 1930 to 1940, he was an army efficer for the Ministry of Ur at Kaumas, Lithmenia. From 1940 to 1941, the SUBJUCT as unemployed and living at Kaumas, Lithmenia. He was employed by the Direction of Education at Kaumas from 1941 to 1944. The SUBJUCT worked in a wood pressiving factory at Regensburg, Cormany from 1944 to 1945 and was employed by MEMA-IRO at Schiemfeld and Regensburg,

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Germany from 1965 to 1969. From late 1969 to a proximately mid-1961, the GOMUNICT was employed as a la over by the Robert Manufacturing Go., 9035 Venice Sculovard, Culver City, California.

The SU JECT first went to Gormany on 1 August 19th but there use no record available relative to the reason and circumstances of displacement into Germany. The SUSET and the white outered the United States at New York on 18 Her 1949 abourd the S. S. Harde Harlin, having bounded the ship at Bremerhaven, Servings. They entered under Public Law 77th and were sponsored by the Matichal Cathelic walfare Conference. Their passare was paid by I'O, Connecticut Avenue, Manhington, D.C. and their passare was paid by I'O, Connecticut Avenue, Manhington,

A history of the SU JECT'S residences since the age of th years disclosed that from 1910 to 1915 he resided at Dukstas, Lithuania. From 1915 to 1918 his address was listed as "Car" army, and from 1915 to 1910 Lithuanian Army, Kaunas, Lithuania. From 1910 to 1914 the SULFROT was still residing at Kaunas, Lit mania. From 1914 to 1915 his address was Regensburg, Gormany and from 1915 to 1919 he was at Schienfeld, Sersary. The SULFT and his wife resided at 1723, North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, Gallfornia. On 3 May 1951, the SULFECT'S address was changed to 213 Beecher Stro t, Syracuse, New York.

According to the file, the SARKET speaks, reads and writes idthusnian, Russian, Polish, some German, and some English.

The SUBJECT listed as his only friend in the United States one HR. DRABICKAS at 3605 Rugby Drive, Los Ameslos 16, California.

The SUNJECT filed a Declaration of Intention on 2 August 1950. When the SUNJECT filed his third series nual report in the first half of 1951, he claimed not to be receiving prevailing wages at the Robert Hanufacturing Co., located at Culver City, California.

The file contained the following physical description of the SUMPOTS race, white; hair, bold; oyes, clue; height, 50 8%; weight, 195 pounds, complexion, fair.

The SUBJECT'S police record at IRO area No. 3, Displaced Persons Camp, who mentioned Ris medical record was favorable.

